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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, DALLAS /89-43/

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /89-69/

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE ELEVEN ZERO FOUR A. M., NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX, BUREAU TELETYPE SIX FIFTYTWO P. ., NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX, NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TWELVE THIRTYTHREE A. M., NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS TODAY CONCERNING DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE.

EDWARD VOEBEL, FOUR NINE ONE SIX CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, DURING INTERVIEWS NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYTHREE, ADVISED HE JOINED CIVIL AIR PATROL PAREN CAP END PAREN DURING NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE SCHOOL YEAR WHILE AT BEAUREGARD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH FELLOW STUDENT, ROBERT ESTAVE. HE ATTENDED MEETINGS ABOUT ONCE A WEEK AT MOISANT AIRPORT, KENNER, LOUISIANA, AND CONTINUED DURING NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. AFTER VOEBEL WAS IN CAP ABOUT SIX MONTHS, DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE TOOK COMMAND OF CAP UNIT AND VOEBEL BEGAN TO LOSE INTEREST. VOEBEL PERSUADED

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OSWALD TO JOIN CAP AND OSWALD ATTENDED TWO OR THREE, POSSIBLY FOUR MEETINGS AT THE MOST.

OSWALD TOLD VOEBEL TRIP TO MOISANT AIRPORT TOO FAR TO ATTEND MEETINGS AND DECIDED TO JOIN CAP UNIT WHICH MET AT NEW ORLEANS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. VOEBEL LATER LEARNED OSWALD NEVER ATTENDED MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MEETINGS OF CAP. VOEBEL BELIEVED OSWALD USED CHANGE OF UNITS AS EXCUSE TO HIM TO GET OUT OF CAP AS BELIEVED OSWALD DID NOT LIKE AUTHORITY, DRILLING, AND HAD BEEN TALKED INTO JOINING BY VOEBEL. VOEBEL COUND NOT RECALL IF FERRIE COMMANDER OF CAP WHEN OSWALD ATTENDED MEETINGS.

BUREAU AND DALLAS NOTE EDWARD VOEBEL WAS INTERVIEWED ON NEW ORLEANS TV PROGRAM NOV. TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYTHREE DURING WHICH HE RELATED HE AND OSWALD AT ONE TIME FELLOW MEMBERS IN C A P ., NEW ORLEANS. ON SAME PROGRAM DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE MENTIONED AS BEING FORMER COMMANDER OF NEW ORLEANS C. A. P. UNIT.

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G. WRAY GILL, ATTORNEY, SEVENTEEN ZERO FIVE PERE MARQUETTE BLDG., NEW ORLEANS, EMPLOYER FOR PAST TWO YEARS OF DAVID W. FERRIE, ADVISED HE HAS NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER OF ANY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN FERRIE AND OSWALD. SAID ALL INFO FURNISHED BY HIM TO LAYTON MARTENS WAS OBTAINED FROM FORMER NEW ORLEANS BAIL BONDSMAN W. HARDY DAVIS. SAID DAVIS ON NOV. TWENTY THREE ADVISED HIM THAT OSWALD HAD FERRIE/S LIBRARY CARD IN HIS POSSESSION WHEN ARRESTED BY DALLAS PD/ ALSO THAT FERRIE HAD STATED IN MARTIN/S PRESENCE THAT PRES. KENNEDY SHOULD BE KILLED AND OUTLINED PLANS TO ACCOMPLISH SAME/ ALSO THAT MARTIN HAD TIPPED OFF FBI, SECRET SERVICE, LOCAL PD AND NEWS MEDIA THAT HE HAD TIED FERRIE TO KENNEDY/S ASSASSINATION SINCE FERRIE KNEW OSWALD, HAD TRAINED OSWALD AND HAD FLOWN HIM TO DALLAS, TEXAS/ POSSIBLY HAD ALSO ADVISED BILL THAT FERRIE HAD GIVEN OSWALD INSTRUCTIONS ON USE OF FOREIGN WEAPONS AND SCOPE. GILL VAGUE AS TO EXACTLY WHAT HE HAD INFORMED MARTENS, HOWEVER UNDERSTANDS THAT JACK MARTIN WAS SOURCE OF DAVIS/S INFO.

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HARDY W. DAVIS, THREE ZERO FOUR FOUR LOUISIANA AVENUE PARKWAY, ADVISED THAT SATURDAY EVENING NOV. TWENTYTHREE SIXTYTHREE WAS DISCUSSING DAVID FERRIE WITH JACK S. MARTIN AT MARTIN/S HOME, AND THE DISCUSSION SPECULATED ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT FERRIE MIGHT HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH KILLING PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AS THEY BOTH KNEW FERRIE WAS A GUN FANCIER AND MARTIN HAD RECALLED SEEING A PHOTOGRAPH OF A RIFLE ALLEDGEDLY USED TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY WHICH MARTIN THOUGHT WAS SIMILAR TO A RIFLE HE HAD SEEN IN FERRIE/S POSSESSION SEVERAL YEARS AGO. DURING THE COURSE OF DISCUUSSION IT WAS MENTIONED BY MARTIN THAT FERRIE HAD ONCE DISCUSSED A SHORT STORY PLOT WHICH INVOLVED SHOOTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE US. DAVIS COULD NOT RECALL HOW THE DISCUSSION OF THE SHORT STORY AROSE OTHER THAN IT TOOK PLACE AS PART OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MARTIN AND DAVIS HELD EARLY SATURDAY EVENING.

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DAVIS LEFT THE MARTIN RESIDENCE AND MARTIN IN A FEW HOURS CALLED DAVIS AND TOLD HIM MARTIN HAD HEARD A TV PROGRAM WHICH HAD NAMED FERRIE AS A CAP INSTRUCTOR OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD. MARTIN TOLD HIM THE T V PROGRAM WHICH HAD REPORTED THAT THE LIBRARY CARD OF DAVID FERRIE HAD BEEN FOUND IN THE POSSESSION OF OSWALD ON HIS ARREST AT DALLAS, TEXAS. DAVIS ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT SEE THE TV PROGRAM, BUT IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED FERRIE/S EMPLOYER, ATTORNEY G. WRAY GILL, AND TOLD HIM WHAT MARTIN HAD TOLD HIM. WHILE TALKING TO GILL, DAVIS ADVISED HE HEARD THAT FERRIE HAD RECEIVED CUBAN LITERATURE IN GILL/S OFFICE, AND GILL CONFIRMED THIS IN CONVERSATION TO DAVIS. DAVIS STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE LITERATURE WAS RECEIVED OR WHAT THE NATURE OF THE LITERATURE WAS WHICH WAS MAILED TO GILLS OFFICE.

DAVIS STATED THAT THE INFORMATION REGARDING FERRIE/S POSSBILE OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS AND INSTRUCTION OF OSWALD IN USE OF FIREARMS WAS A MATTER OF PURE SPECULATION ON THE PART END OA PAGE FIVE

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OF JACK MARTIN, AND HE HAD NO INFORMATION OTHER THAN MARTIN/S STATEMENTS TO CONFIRM THIS ALLEGATION.

JACK S. MARTIN ONE THREE ONE ONE N. PRIEUR, NEW ORLEANS, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR,

ADVISED TODAY HE HAD NEVER HEARD DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE MAKE STATEMENT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SHOULD BE KILLED AND NEVER HEARD FERRIE OUTLINE MEANS BY WHICH THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. DENIED EVER TELLING ANYONE FERRIE HAD MADE SUCH A STATEMENT. SAID HAS HEARD FERRIE MAKE STATEMENT THAT DEPUTY SHERIFFS OF JEFFERSON PARISH WHO ARRESTED HIM ON CHARGE OF CRIME AGAINST NATURE SHOULD BE KILLED. THESE REMARKS WERE MADE IN GENERAL CONVERSATION SEVERAL YEARS AGO. STATED DID NOT TELL HARDY DAVIS OF THESE REMARKS OR ANYONE ELSE. ADMITTED SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS EVENING, SEPT. TWENTYTHREE WITH DAVIS RE POSSIBILITY FERRIE BEING INVOLVED IN SHOOTING OF PRES. KENNEDY, FOLLOWING T V

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PROGRAM IN WHICH FERRIE/S NAME MENTIONED. HE AND DAVIS DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OSWALD HAD USED FERRIE/S LIBRARY CARD, BUT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE FERRIE/S LIBRARY CARD FOUND IN OSWALD/S POSSESSION IN DALLAS. ADMITTED DISCUSSING WITH DAVIS FACT FERRIE OWNED GUNS. MARTIN ADVISED DAVIS IS [redacted]

MARTIN ADMITTED TALKING TO NEW ORLEANS ASST. DIST. ATTY. HERMAN KOHLMAN, WHO IS FORMER NEWSPAPER REPORTER AND FAMILIAR WITH FERRIE/S BACKGROUND. DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY WITH KOHLMAN THAT FERRIE HAD TAUGHT OSWALD TO SHOOT AND USE TELESCOPIC SIGHT BECAUSE HE KNEW FERRIE TAUGHT MILITARY TRAINNING TO C A P CADETS. MARTIN ADMITTED TALKING TO JERRY PHILIPSTEIN, FORMER ROOMMATE OF KOHLMAN, WHO HE CONTACTED TO OBTAIN KOHLMAN/S CURRENT PHONE NO., BUT DOES NOT RECALL WHAT HE TOLD STEIN, EXCEPT THAT HE SPOKE TO HIM GENERALLY ABOUT HIS SUSPICIONS OF FERRIE.

MARTIN HAD NO INFO RE FERRIE DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE, BUT TOLD KOHLMAN THAT HARDY DAVIS HAD TOLD HIM THAT FERRIE HAD CUBAN LITERATURE FOR FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE IN ATTY. G. WRAY GILL/S OFFICE. STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS TO BE TURE, AS FERRIE WAS CONNECTED WITH THE ANTI CASTRO GROUP THAT OPERATED IN NEW ORLEANS BEFORE THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION. MARTIN STATES HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE LEADERS OF ANTI CASTRO GROUP AND IS WELL AWARE OF FERRIE/S CONNECTION WITH THEM.

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MARTIN SAID HIS SUSPICIONS OF FERRIE WERE BASED UPON HIS OBSERVATION OF THE NOV. TWENTY FOUR T.V PROGRAM ON WWL, NEW ORLEANS, AND HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FERRIE FROM PRIOR ASSOCIATION, WHICH CAUSED HIM TO REPORT HIS ALLEGATIONS TO KOHLMAN OF THE DA/S OFFICE AND MAJ. PRESLEY New Orleans Police Dept.

MAJ. J. TROSCLAIR, NOPD. ADVISED ALSO TOLD T V STATION WWL OF THESE SUSPICIONS AS WELL AS MAJ. TROSCLAIR OF THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPT WHO INDICATE AN INTEREST IN TAKING ANY ACTION ON INFO HE FURNISHED. La.

MARTIN STATED HE TOLD NO ONE FERRIE HAD FLOWN OSWALD TO DALLAS, TEXAS.

DAVIS WILLIAM FERRIE REINTERVIEWED TODAY AND ADVISED AT TIME OF BY OF PIGS INVASION OF CUBA HE WAS VERY MUCH EMBARRASSED AND CONCERNED OVER THE LACK OF AIR COVER PROVIDED AND SEVERELY CRITICIZED PRESIDENT KENNEDY BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. FERRIE STATED HE HAS NEVER MADE ANY STATEMENT THAT PRESIDNET KENNEDY SHOULD BE KILLLED WITH ANY INTENTION TO DO SO AND HAS

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NEVER AT ANY TIME OUTLINED ANY PLAN OR MADE ANY STATEMENT AS TO HOW THIS COULD BE DONE OR WHO SHOULD DO IT. FERRIE SAID HE IS VERY OUTSPOKEN AND MAY HAVE USED AN OFFHAND OR COLLOQUIAL EXPRESSION / HE OUGHT TO BE SHOT/ IN EXPRESSING HIS FEELINGS CONCERNING CUBAN SITUATION. STATED WHEN IT CAME TO SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WHEN THE QUESTION OF IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AROSE, HE OPPOSED ANY ATTEMPTS AT IMPEACHMENT. FERRIE SAID WITHIN ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE FIRST RUSSIAN SPUTNIK HE RECALLS BEING CRITICAL OF THE U. S . SPACE PROJECT AND DEFENSE PROGRAM. FERRIE SAID HAS ALSO BEEN CRITICAL OF ANY PRESIDENT RIDING INOPEN CAR AND HAS STATED ANYONE COULD HIDE IN THE BUSHES AND SHOOT A PRESIDENT. FERRIE STATED HE HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF BEING WORSHIPPER OF KENNEDY BECAUSE HE IS A LIBERAL AND STONGLY BELIEVES IN KENNEDY/S CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM AND PRESIDENT/S FISCAL PROGRAM.

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FERRIE INFORMED HE HAS NEVER LOANED HIS LIBRARY CARD TO OSWALD OR ANY OTHER PERSON AT ANY TIME AND TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION HIS LIBRARY CARD HAS NOT BEEN OUT OF HIS POSSESSION SINCE IT WAS ISSUED TO HIM. FERRIE EXHIBITED NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD M L EIGHT NINE FOUR THREE BEARING STAMPED LETTERING NRPD IN UPPER LEFT CORNER AND STATES ABOVE LETTERING MEANS NO RESIDENT, PAID. FERRIE STATES AT TIME CARD OBTAINED HE WAS LIVING IN METAIRIE, LA. AND HAD TO PAY FOR CARD TO BE ISSUED. LIBRARY CARD SHOWS ISSUED TO DR. DAVID FERRIE, THREE THREE ONE ATHERTON DR. AND EXPIRATION DATE IS MARCH THIRTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. FERRIE SAID HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF KNOWING OR HAVING MET LEE HARVEY OSWALD IN THE CIVIL AIR PATROL / CAP/ OR IN ANY BUSINESS OR SOCIAL CAPACITY.

FERRIE CLAIMS HE HAS NEVER OWNED TELESCOPIC SIGHT, RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHT, HAS NEVER USED WEAPON EQUIPPED WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHT AND DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO USE ONE. FERRIE SAID HE HAS NEVER INSTRUCTED LEE OSWALD OR ANYONE ELSE IN USE OF AMERICAN MADE OR FOREIGN MADE RIFLES OR FIREARMS. STATED WHILE IN CAP HE ASSISTED IN FIREARMS INSTRUCTION AT CAP BIVOUACS FOR RANGE SAFETY ONLY.

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FERRIE ADMITTED HAS OWNED STINSON ONE FIFTY BLUE AND WHITE SINGLE ENGINE FOUR PASSENGER MONOPLANE, REGISTRATION NO. EIGHT TWO NINE THREE K SINCE FORTYEIGHT, WHICH AIRCRAFT HAS NOT BEEN AIRWORTHY SINCE LICENSE EXPIRED IN SPRING OF SIXTYTWO. STATED HAS NEVER FLOWN LEE OSWALD TO DALLAS, TEXAS OR ANY OTHER TOWN IN TEXAS AT ANY TIME. THE ONLY PLANES HE WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO WOULD BE RENTAL PLANES.

BUREAU AND DALLAS WILL NOTE ALL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FERRIE STEM FROM JACK S. MARTIN WHO WAS [redacted] MARTIN IS WELL KNOWN TO NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND IS CONSIDERED THOROUGHLY UNRELIABLE.

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